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PROCEEDINGS



The Choctaw County Baptist Association held its fifth session with the Chester Baptist church Oct. 1st, 1925.

After a song service H. L. Rhodes led in prayer.

The moderator, H. M. Whitten, read some verses from 2nd chapter of Phil and made some appropriate and feeling remarks, and H. G. West led in prayer.

The Association entered into a permanent organization by reelecting its present officers: H. M. Whitten, moderator and G. D. Weatherall, clerk and treasurer.

E. E. Ballard, representing the Baptist Record and the Convention Board, was recognized and given a hearty welcome. H. M. Whitten promised to attend the Kosciusko Association. H. G. West, H. M. Whitten, H. L. Rhodes, J. H. D. Watson, J. H. Ward, D. L. Humphries and G. D. Weatherall volunteered to attend the State Convention which meets at New Albany Nov. 10th, 1925. H. L. Rhodes is to attend the Louisville Association.

The moderator appointed the finance committee: D. L. Humphries and J. H. Ward.

On motion of W. L. Mills the Association voted by a large majority to return to the old custom of reading the letters from the churches and H. G. West and H. L. Rhodes were appointed reading clerks. J. H. D. Watson was sent as a delegate from Providence and O. F. Chamblee from New Haven.

The hour having arrived for the Associational sermon, and the one appointed to preach it not being present, E. E. Ballard was asked to preach. He read some verses from Jonah and gave us a great message.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

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FIRST DAY AFTERNOON SESSION,

The opening prayer was led by W. M. Black. After reading the letters the moderator appointed two committees: committee on enrollment, J. F. Keen; committee on nominations, C. M. Self, J. F. Melton and W. M. Bowls.

The report on Publications was read by C. C. Bobo, and after being discussed by him, E. E. Ballard and H. M. Whitten, it was adopted.

The report on Missions was made by H. L. Rhodes and discussed by him, H. G. West and E. E. Ballard and adopted. The Association adjourned until Friday morning.

SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

The devotional was conducted by J. H. D. Watson and H. G. West led in prayer.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by W. M. Black. After talks by W. M. Black, H. G. West, J. H. D. Watson and C. M. Self the report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read and after some remarks by H. G. West, W. M. Black and H. M. Whitten it was adopted.

The report on Christian Education was read by the clerk and discussed by H. G. West, W. L. Mills, G. D. Weatherall, Mrs. H. L. Rhodes and H. M. Whitten. H. L. Rhodes made a strong plea for Blue Mountain Endowment.

The report on Temperance was discussed by H. G. West, W. M. Black, O. F. Chamblee and C. A. Lindsey.

The Association then adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After several songs C. M. Self led in prayer.

The delegate to the S. B. C. made a splendid report and her expenses, \$14.00, were allowed.

The report on Orphanage was read by J. H. D. Watson, and after a good speech by him and C. A. Lindsey the report was adopted.

The report on B. Y. P. U. was discussed by E. Z. Crick.

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and G. D. Weatherall and adopted.

The report on Nomination was read. C. A. Lindsey made a motion to amend the report by striking out French Camp and inserting Bluff Springs, but the motion was lost and the original report was adopted.

The Treasurer and Finance committee made their reports and were adopted.

The clerk was instructed to have 250 copies of the minutes printed and he was allowed \$15 00 for his services.

The following resolutions were heartily and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved that we the Choctaw County Baptist Association and visitors express our sincere thanks to the people of Chester and surrounding community for their kindness and noble hospitality while in their midst.

Respt. submitted,

W. M. Black.

The Association then adjourned to meet with French Camp Baptist Church on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1925.

H. M. Whitten, Mod.

G. D. Weatherall, clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School department of the convention is charged with the organization of Sunday Schools, grading schools, installing six point record systems, organizing workers, councils etc, for the individual churches

Teachers training work in local churches, city training schools and county or associational training schools are conducted by the training of teachers throughout the state.

The State Mission Board and the Sunday School Board jointly are emphasizing work in the country churches by putting on a vigorous Rural Campaign. The need today is training leadership and we are trying to meet this need in these campaigns during the summer months. We have, in

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addition to the summer workers, two full time rural workers.

We gave last year nearly five thousand awards in our state to the people who took one or more of the books in our training course.

The slogan of the educational department of the Sunday School Board for this year is "Fifty Thousand Diplomas." Mississippi's quota of this number is five thousand. It will take the hearty co operation of every church, sunday school and pastor to reach our goal.

We are trying to make our state convention and assembly greater factors in developing denominational life each year. Our assembly is now being held on the coast at the Gulf Coast Military Academy.

Our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention will meet in McComb City in March 1926.

A new phase of our department is the "Daily Vacation Bible School." We have had a number of schools this summer and hope to have more than double this number next year. We urge the pastors to seriously investigate the opportunities offered in the Daily Vacation Bible School for much needed service. We will be glad to send literature to any one desiring information about putting on these schools.

Our Sunday School work in the Co. is pressing forward, we have better Sunday Schools and better trained leaders than we had a few years back, but there is still a great work to be done. Our slogan should be, "A Sunday School in Every Baptist Church in Choctaw Co. and in Every Community where There is no Church."

Our Sunday School convention and normal held with Mt. Pisgah church was a great success, although there was not quite as many took the course as we have had heretofore in some of the normals. There was some mighty good work done, and there was four diplomas and six seals or a total of ten awards given in the normal.

Your committee urgently requests that every Sunday School in the county co operate with the executive committee of the convention in their efforts to have more and better Sunday Schools in the county that the Lord's cause may prosper.

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Respectively submitted,
W. M. Black.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Christ said, "All power in heaven and earth is given unto me. Go ye therefore and evangelize all the nations, and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." No greater power and authority could be behind any undertaking and no greater mission could be undertaken by any people. The first 28 chapters of the Acts of the Apostles tell us what was done by the church in the way of carrying out this commission during the first fifty or sixty years after the Lord's ascension. The 29th chapter, with its many subdivisions, gives us the history of the church from the days of the apostles to the present. The Holy Spirit was the guide and inspiration of the early church. He has likewise been the propelling power in the church during the centuries, and is today working as mightily in the missionary activities of the church as in the days of Peter and Paul. Are we as members of the church as active and as much concerned about carrying out the great commission as the members of the early church were? The scripture tells us that they were all in one place and of one accord. Is there a church in this Association where all members are present on the regular meeting days? Are those who come of one mind and one purpose? Too often it is not true.

Notwithstanding our indifference and neglect God is still faithful to his promise and is working in the hearts of faithful men and women in the church, and accomplishing wonderful results in the spread of his gospel to the remotest bounds of the earth.

During the past five or six years the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention have made greater progress in bringing the world to a saving knowledge of the Christ than was ever made before in more than twice that length of time. We now have missionaries in every heathen nation, and the nations have thrown their doors wide open and invited us to come in. The Lord did not command us to wait for an invitation, yet the work is much easier and the re.

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sults much greater if the doors are wide open. We are having some obstacles in China just now but we have gained such strong following there that it is impossible for us to lose what we have. Sometimes opposition and persecution make us more loyal. The number of mission fields opened, the number of churches established and the number of converts baptized during the past year have been most gratifying even in the face of opposition without and lack of support within our own churches. Our schools, on the foreign fields like those in the home land, are doing foundation work without which we could not hope to stand.

Our Home Mission work has also been very wonderfully blessed of the Lord. Our home missionaries are laying the foundation for a world evangelization. It is through this work that our destitute places are cared for and the weak places are made stronger.

Now a word concerning our State missions. As Paul was most interested in the people of his own flesh and blood, even we are most interested in the welfare and salvation of our next door neighbor. Through our state workers in Evangelistic and Stewardship work, the W. M. U., the B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday School work, every individual comes in contact with its power and influence.

But, brethren, all our Boards are having to curtail their work on account of lack of funds. We are falling down on our part. Now when the Lord is blessing us with peace and prosperity, we are not giving to the spread of the gospel like we did when we were in the midst of the World War and demands were upon our every hand. Can we hope to have the continued blessings of the Lord upon us when we so utterly fail in our loyalty to his cause? Let us stand still for a moment and get our bearings, then all together with one purpose turn our faces to the task, and with love for the lost world and faith in our great commander rally to his cause with whole hearted service. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Then it will not be long until "The earth shall be filled

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with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. Rhodes,
Tom Files.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The subject of Christian Education has ample support in the Word of God. Our Savior spent so much time teaching that he was commonly called teacher, and in his last command to the church he laid special emphasis on christian instruction for he said, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I command you." This doesn't mean simply that we are to teach men the fundamental texts of the gospel, such as repentance, faith and baptism, but all things. His all things include all truth in all fields of truth affected by the gospel. Thus we see it covers the whole field of educational investigation and endeavor. The work of christian education is to put down all errors and to establish all truth. When the last bit of error has been crushed and the last particle of truth has been enthroned, then christian education will have completed its work.

Our boys and girls leave home for college at the most impressionable age and the years from fifteen to twenty are fought with gravest peril. This period of discontent and doubt and decisions may also prove a period of disaster. Dare we at this critical time expose them to an unspiritual atmosphere, unchristian instruction and all the demoralizing forces that the devil, unhindered by any positive christian influence, may bring to bear upon them. Would such parental carelessness be anything less than criminal? And if, as not infrequently occurs, this exposure should result in moral ruin; would the blood of those victims of rashness, avarice or pride cry to heaven for vengeance in vain? If the crisis of this period are to be safely passed and its largest possibilities realized, if our young people are to be led to Christ instead of away from him and imbued with intelligent reverence for God's Word, instead of ignorant skepticism, and instead of degenerating religiously into weaklings, worldlings or worse, if they are to attain the christian attitude and out-

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look and be symmetrically developed for worthy participation in the work of the kingdom of God. They must look for opportunity to secure these things to the well equipped denominational college

The Baptist of Mississippi, in order to meet this clear demand of the scriptures, have established and are maintaining christian schools.

We have four colleges under the auspices of the State Baptist Convention, three of these are senior colleges and one a co-educational junior college.

These colleges are located as follows: one at Clinton, the Mississippi College for young men; one at Blue Mountain, the Blue Mountain College for young women; one at Hattiesburg, Mississippi's Womans College for young women; one at Newton, Clarke College for young men and young women. And other schools under Baptist influence - Hillman College and Heights Academy, also Mississippi Baptist are interested in the seminaries at Louisville, Ky. and Fort Worth, Texas.

There is at present a campaign being made to raise an Endowment Fund for Blue Mountain College and Mississippi Womans College, in order that they become standard A 1 colleges.

These colleges are a great benefactor to our Baptist denomination, sending out each year trained christian young men and women to do work for the Masters cause.

Your committee recommend that we give these schools our hearty support that they may do even greater work for the Master.

Respectfully,
G. L. Keen.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Baptist publications are the various papers, tracts, periodicals and books published by our denominational press. The Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi State Baptist Convention each send out a great deal of printed matter, designed to strengthen both the individual member of the church and the organizations within the church. There is a great deal of material ably gotten up to assist the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. leaders in conducting the work of

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their departments of the church training. For general circulation and intended for general use by all members of our denomination, the state convention publishes the Baptist Record, which is the official organ of the Baptists of Miss.

We cannot overestimate the influence which the press at the present time exercises in forming public opinion. Our social practices and political destiny seem to be more largely molded by the newspaper than by any other agency. Is it unreasonable to expect that a good religious publication like our Baptist Record, if generally read by our people, would have a wonderful influence in shaping their religious life and especially in determining their attitude, whether of loyalty or indifference, toward the large movements of our denominations?

It is regrettable that so large a per cent of our Baptist people in Mississippi seem not to appreciate the value of our state publication. It is published weekly and furnishes reliable and readable information on topics of general interest; and it is the only means by which as Baptists we can be well informed as to the work of the church in Mississippi. We would like to appeal to every member of the denomination in this county to subscribe for the Baptist Record. Possibly the the pastors should stress more often and more strongly the value of reading it and the necessity of co-operation in its support.

Then last and greatest of all is the bible. It is adapted to every possible variety of taste, temperament, culture and condition. There is no book so well adapted to improve both the head and the heart as the bible. The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering and the most comfortable way of dying. It is a book worthy of our daily study, and I would that our people would take a greater interest in the study of the bible.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Bobo.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We are face to face with a problem which should demand our most sincere attention, that of our aged ministers. The

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time was in no distance past when the Baptist people gave very little thought concerning those who had given themselves, their families and their all to the kingdom work, and left them in their old age to go where they could and spend their last days in poverty and want. Our Methodist brethren have set a fine example for us to go by in providing adequate support for their old ministers when they have finished their course and are no longer able to do and work as they once did.

I am so glad to report to this association that the Baptists are now trying to do the same thing with our Relief and Annuity Board which is located at Dallas, Texas. Since the launching of the Seventy-five Million Campaign we have been setting aside a certain amount for this fund and our old ministers are now enjoying the benefit of this. But this is in no wise sufficient for their support because we failed to raise the amount which we set out to raise. I want to urge every church in the association to make an offering for this worthy cause. If your church is giving through the unified Budget, then you are helping in this worthy cause, but if you are not doing this then the only way for this fund to grow will be for you to take an offering and send it to headquarters where distribution can be made.

Our government has provided well for all the men who have fought in the past wars, because these men were taken from their home and loved ones and all the power to get wealth was taken away, so that now the ones who are old and infirm are drawing an income which in a measure is sufficient for their comfort in their last days. Shall we do less in the great kingdom of our Master and when these men have served their day and generation, let them when they are old live on nothing but leaves?

May the Lord forgive us for the way we have treated his old servants in the past and help us in the future to provide for them in an adequate way.

Respectfully,
H. G. West.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the

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following report: to preach the introductory sermon, H. G. West; delegate to S. B. Convention, E. Z. Crick; alternate W. L. Edwards; member of state board, G. D. Weatherall; place of next Association, French Camp; time and place for next S.S. Convention and Normal first Sunday, and Saturday before, in August, place New Haven.

Respt. submitted

J. T. Melton, C. M. Self and W. M. Black.

TREASURERS REPORT

Funds for delegate to S. B. C.

Balance on hand	\$1.49
Rec'd of finance com.	2 50
Rec'd of Providence church	1.00
Total	4 49

Funds for minutes and clerk.

Rec'd of Finance com.	59 95
.. of public collection	12 00
.. Blyth Creek church	1.00
.. New Haven church	4 05
.. Spring Hill ..	2 50
.. Clearsprings ..	1.00
Total receipts	80 50
Paid for minutes	44 90
.. .. postage	1.40
.. deficit	17.07
.. Clerk	15.00
Total	78.37
Balance on hand	\$2.13

G. D. Weatherall, Treasurer.

OUR ORPHANAGE

We have located at Jackson, Miss. a home for orphan children.

We now have 175 children, all well and healthy. Our home is paid for and our children are all in school.

We recommend that our association give some of the following: corn, potatoes, canned goods, clothes and money. That this be brought together at Ackerman before Thanks.

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J. H. D. Watson.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on finance report as follows:

Received for minutes and clerk	58.70
.. .. missions state	13.00
.. .. delegate to S B. C.	85
.. .. Home missions	1.10
Total	73.65

J. H. Ward, D. L. Humphries.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Digest of, church letters, G. D. Weatherall; Woman's work, Mrs. M. M. Redgaway; Temperance, W. L. Mills; Ministerial Relief, C. C. Bobo; Publications, J. Miley Smith; Orphanage, G. L. Keen; Sunday Schools, J. N. Franks; Missions, H. G. West; Christian Education, H. L. Rhodes; Hospitals. Mrs. H. L. Rhodes.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Ackerman
H. G. West
Hugh Reed
H. L. Rhodes
Mrs. L. Rhodes
Mrs. R. B. Fulcher
Mrs. E. B. Dobbs

Bethany
Bethlehem
Beulah

W. M. Black
Mrs. M. Black

Blythe Creek
M. L. Buck
Mrs. L. Buck

Bluff Springs
C. A. Lindsay
J. H. Bagwell

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Chester

W. L. Edwards

J. E. Holden

J. T. Melton

Clear Springs

W. P. Orr

Concord

G. B. Catledge

M. E. Catledge

Charley Quinn

Grape Creek

Ebenezer

Fellowship

D. L. Humphries

Fentress

J. H. Prewitt

Walter Wells

Hewey Warrell

Miss Matzelle Warrell

French Camp

J. M. Black

H. P. Oliver

McCurtains Creek

A. N. Hall

Mt Moriah

A. C. Prewitt

A. H. Howard

Lee King

M. L. Harris

Mt. Pisgah

D. P. Bowles

Dixie Hall

New Haven

O. F. Chamblee

J. A. Fair

M. M. Ridgeway

Mrs. M. Ridgeway

New Zion

Homer Ming

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Ben King
 C. M. Hodges
 Providence
 J. H. D. Watson
 J. L. Mills
 Spring Hill
 D. H. Bradberry
 Weir
 E. Z. Crick
 C. A. Franks
 C. M. Self
 Wood Springs
 C. W. Woods
 Earnest Box

OUR DEAD

Fentress	Mrs. J. B. Worrell.
French Camp	E. S. Rainwater, R. L. Garrett, W. J. Atterberry.
Mt Moriah	Ellen Power, Sharkey Bramlett.
New Haven	Thomas Neal
New Zion	Mary Collier, Martha Densmore.
Providence	J. B. Johnson, R. H. Johnson, Bessie McCarty.
Spring Hill	Permelia Ray.
Ackerman	J. Ben Mitchell, Thomas J. Weeks.
Beulah	Bell Black, W. O. Steele, Katie Black, Rufus Black.
Blythe Creek	Margaret Watson.
Clear Springs	S. J. Fant.
Concord	J. W. Catlege, Claude Blanton, Ina Kennedy, Louisa Coleman, Mary Porter,
Fellowship	J. W. Woodard.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of Mississippi is endeavoring to go forward under the Watch Word of the year, which is "Go ye into all the world; and ye shall be my witnesses." Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8. The methods adopted for the carrying out of this endeavor are three fold.

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First, the unified program. Every organization is urged to accept the program as given out by the State Board to the individual church, and to see that all funds collected by the W. M. U. organizations are handled by the church treasurer.

Second, The W. M. U. at its State Meeting in April adopted the Tithe as the minimum offering of each individual member.

Third, the W. M. U. is making every effort to organize Societies in the rural churches. To this end, the State W. M. U. is endeavoring to secure the sum of \$600.00 promised by the Sunday School Board to the State, provided we raise an equal amount for this purpose. One important change in the W. M. U. policy is that of making the fiscal year coincide with the calendar year. January is now the first month of our first quarter. Miss May Bland, one of our workers was with me for a few days

We organized two societies, one at Fentress and one at Mt. Pisgah. We went to several other churches, but had no success. I have sent out to the churches 24 cards, have written 15 letters, have only received a very few answers. There was only one Rally given this year, and that was held at Ackerman.

Three societies made reports.

Ackerman has 40 members, about 20 real active members, 8 tithers. Their Slogan, "Every Church Member an Active W. M. S. Member."

Missions, \$39.65. Seminary fund, \$18.50; aged ministers, \$17.00; Personal Service gifts, \$42.40; Orphanage box and cash, \$100.00; Home uses, \$50.00. Three Mission Study classes held, 8 points out of 10 of excellence reached. During the year quite a number of gifts, visits and trays have been given the sick and needy.

Chester Society reports \$24.80 for boxes, home uses and denominational objects.

Weir Society, gifts to local church work, \$30.00; Missions and Benevolence, \$219.40. A number of visits and trays sent to the sick and needy.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. M. Whitten.

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The present officers are as follows:

Mrs. M. M. Ridgaway — Association Supt.
Mrs. E. B. Dobbs — Mission Study Leader.
Mrs. C. A. Franks — Young Peoples Leader.
Mrs. W. L. Edwards — Personal Service Leader.
Mrs. Hugh Reed — Stewardship Leader.

B Y. P. U. REPORT

The B. Y. P. U. Association was organized in the county July 12, 1925, at which time we had only two Unions doing work. Now we are able to report five Unions in the county with a membership of 107. Sixty-nine rewards have been given for the study course in the B. Y. P. U. work of this county.

The training part of the church has been neglected for a long time in our Southern Baptist Convention. Ten years ago we had only 2,920 B. Y. P. U's, now we have 17,930, and the rise in membership is more than a half million.

We feel that the great work should be impressed in every church. Our aim is to place one in every Baptist church of the Convention.

E. Z. Crick.



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FINANCIAL TABLE.

Name of Churches	Pastors Salary	Members & Clerk	Ministerial Help	Building & Repairs	S.S. & B. Y. P. U. Lit	All other objects	Tot. local expenses	Missions, Education And Benevolences	Grand Total
Ackerman	\$1200	\$6 00	\$228	\$83	\$100	\$384	\$2001	\$815	\$2816
Bethany									
Bethlehem									
Beulah	200	5 00	\$67		25	371	668	155	823
Blythe Creek	100	1.50		11	15		127	13	140
Bluff Springs	100	1.00	33				134	1	135
Chester	75	5 55	27				107	10	117
Clear Springs	50	1.55	26	8			86	8	88
Concord	154	5.00	46	200	26	9	440	100	540
Crape Creek									
Ebenezer									
Fellowship	100	3.00	44		22		169		169
Fentress	200	4 30	20	1500	6		1730	30	1730
French Camp	240	3 00	77		18	347	685	31	716
McCurtains Creek	18	1.00					19		19
Mt. Moriah	100	4.00	42		8		154	20	174
Mt Pisgah	125	2 00	30				157	18	175
New Haven	100	3 00	43			10	156		156
New Zion	160	5 00	50		10		225	193	418
Providence	45	1.30	26	60			132	10	142
Spring Hill	150	5 00	25			40	220		220
Weir	600	5.00	78		50	82	815	343	1158
Wood Springs	25	1 00					26		26
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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF S. S.	NAME OF SUPT.	P. O.	No. enrolled	No. teachers holding Normal diplomas	Baptisms from S. S.
Ackerman	Hugh Reed	Ackerman	233	12	8
Beulah	W M Black	McCool	75		3
Blythe Creek	M. Edwards	Mathiston	30		2
Chester	Mrs. W. L. Edwards	Chester	28		
Fellowship	H. M. Brooks	Mathiston	93	1	4
Fentress	Victor Reed	Fentress	54		
French Camp	A. L. Rainwater	French Camp	45		
Mt. Moriah	A. H. Howard	Weir	46		
Mt. Pisgah	C. C. Bobo	Mathiston	70	2	12
New Haven	Mrs. M. M. Ridgeway	Stewart	69	1	
New Zion	J. T. Weatherall	Weir	40	1	05
Weir	C. A. Franks	Weir	90	3	10
		Total	873	10	44

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCHES	NAME OF PASTOR	P. O.	NAME OF CLERK	P. O.	No. Baptisms	Total membership
Ackerman	H. G. West	Ackerman	Mrs. H. L. Rhodes	Ackerman	11	273
Bethany						59
Bethlehem						62
Beulah	D. I. Young	McCool	J. M. Smith	McCool	3	107
Blythe Creek	J. W. Hicks	Mathiston	N. S. Ellis	Mathiston	3	166
Bluff Springs	Harvey Gray	Eupora	J. H. Bagwell	Eupora		74
Chester	H. M. Whitten	Weir	J. T. Melton	Ackerman	1	106
Clear Springs	J. H. D. Watson	"	W. P. Orr	Chester		68
Concord	H. M. Whitten	"	J. S. Rhodes	Highpoint	24	178
Crape Creek						78
Ebenezer						24
Fellowship	E. T. Putnam	Tomnolen	T. M. Jones	Mathiston	5	125
Fentress	H. M. Whitten	Weir	Herbert Prewitt	Fentress	1	93
French Camp	H. G. West	Ackerman	A. L. Rainwater	French Camp	4	86
McCurtains Creek	E. L. Taylor	Eupora	Mrs. J. H. Sheedy	Weir		10
Mt. Moriah	H. M. Whitten	Weir	T. H. Howard	"	9	148
Mt. Pisgah	E. T. Putnam	Tomnolen	W. M. Bowles	Ackerman	13	110
New Haven	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. A. Chamblee	Weir	10	232
New Zion	H. M. Whitten	"	J. Frank Keen	Ackerman	5	150
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	"	W. H. Dodd	Weir	1	52
Spring Hill	L. J. Lott	Grenada	J. T. McMinn	Ackerman		151
Weir	H. C. Joiner	McAdams	S. M. King	Weir	10	119
Woodsprings	E. L. Taylor	Eupora	W. H. Lucas	Tomnolen		25
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Fourth Annual Session
Of the
CHOCTAW CO. BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE
Fellowship Baptist Church
October 3rd and 4th, 1924.



NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

CHESTER Six miles North of Ackerman

Thursday and Friday before the First Lord's Day in Oct 1925.

The next Choctaw Co. Baptist S. S. Convention will be
Held with Mt. Pisgah Church, embracing the 3rd Lord's Day
In Aug. 1925 and the S. S. Normal will be held the week
following.

H. M. Whitten Moderator Weir, Miss.
G. D. Weatherall, Clerk Ackerman, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS



The Choctaw County Baptist Association met with Fellowship church, Oct. 2nd 1924.

After devotional by H. T. Vaughn and prayer by D. I. Young, the moderator, H. M. Whitten declared the association ready for business.

On motion of D. L. Humphries, the present officers, H. M. Whitten, moderator and G. D. Weatherall, clerk were reelected.

Called for correspondents: D. I. Young & H. T. Vaughn from the Kosiusko association responded: Hinds Co. association, Miss Slaughter representing the state work, H. G. West and J. E. Jennings were recognized from the Lee Co association.

Returned correspondents: To the Kosiusko association. J. H. Ward, H. L. Rhodes, Henry Pruitt, W. M. Black, B. F. Bollis, H. M. Whitten and G. D. Weatherall.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

This report, after being discussed by W. M. Black, H. T. Vaughan, D. I. Young, B. F. Bollis and H. L. Rhodes, was adopted.

The hour for the associational sermon having arrived and neither Bro. J. L. Smith, who was elected to preach this sermon, nor J. H. D. Watson, alternate being present the moderator asked Dr. H. L. Morris to fill the place, which he did to the delight and edification of all present. He read Heb. 12 1:2 as a text. On motion we adjourned till one thirty P. M.

The moderator appointed J. H. Ward and D. L. Humphries as finance committee.

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Came together by singing led by J. H. Ward.

The moderator appointed brethren, W. M. Bowls, W. T. Mills and H. L. Rhodes, a committee on nomination.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

This report was discussed by D. I. Young, G. D. Weatherall and Dr. Morris, and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

This report was discussed by H. L. Rhodes, W. M. Black, Dr. Morris and H. G. West and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

This report was read by C. C. Bobo and after being discussed by him, H. T. Vaughan, H. L. Rhodes, H. G. West and J. E. Jennings, was adopted.

TREASURERS REPORT

Pending the discussion of this report W. L. Mills made a motion that the association make up the above deficit and \$12.00 was made up and the report adopted.

Adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow.

FRIDAY MORNING

After song service by J. H. Ward and devotional by Bro. J. W. Hicks and prayer by H. L. Rhodes the report on digest of church letters was read by G. D. Weatherall and adopted, see statistical tables.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report was discussed by G. D. Weatherall, J. W. Hicks, D. I. Young, H. T. Vaughan, Dr. J. D. Ray, T. W. Green and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS AND ORPHANAGE

These reports were made by Dr. Morris, and after being discussed by him and T. W. Green, they were adopted.

AFTERNOON: Came together by singing.

THE REPORT ON NOMINATION was read and adopted, see report.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

This report was read by G. D. Weatherall and after being discussed by H. L. Rhodes, G. D. Weatherall, B. F. Bollis, J. W. Hicks, Dr. D. Ray and Dr. Morris, the report was adopted

FINANCE COMMITTEE

made the following report: Mt. Pisgah was selected as the next place of meeting of the Sunday School convention and normal. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: that the delegates of this association extend to this church and to the community at large, their thanks and appreciation for their courtesy and generous hospitality during this association.

ON motion of B. F. Bollis, the association then adjourned to meet with Chester Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in Oct. A. D. 1925.

H. M. Whitten, moderator.
G. D. Weatherall, clerk.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Clear Springs
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Fellowship
Fentress
French Camp
Mt. Moriah
Mt. Pisgah
New Haven
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Providence
Spring Hill

H. L. Rhodes
W. M. Black
Lester Buck
J. F. Brown
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W. P. Orr
E. E. Turner
Joe R. Woods
D. L. Humphreys
J. H. Prewitt
J. M. Black
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W. M. Bowles
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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School is now the most popular department of the church service. There are more than 1300 Baptist Sunday Schools in the State, 144 of which were organized during the past year. The number of pupils enrolled in these schools is 120,146, an increase of nearly 25,000 last year over the previous year.

Within recent years the Sunday School Board has been offering a course of study to Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers, and prospectives, to better qualify them for the great work to which they have been called. These Normal schools are held in each County asking for one during the summer months of the year. There were issued 1227 Normal diplomas in Mississippi during the past year, and 4167 seals including 436 red seals and 116 blue seals.

The Normal in this County was held at Beulah the week following the second Sunday in August. There was an attendance of more than 30 and three books of the course were taught. These Normals are growing in interest, and communities inviting them and the people attending them are indeed fortunate.

Our County Sunday School Convention has been organized about five years and some splendid programs have been discussed, emphasizing the different phases of the Sunday School work and problems, but we have not yet reached all the churches in the County or enlisted all the Sunday Schools. It was ordered at the last Sunday School Convention that the Executive Committee of the Convention employ a man to visit every church and Sunday School in the County before the meeting of the next Convention for the purpose of enlisting all the churches in Sunday School work, and getting all the schools to send delegates to the Convention.

Your Committee recommends that the Association approve this action of the Convention, and that the delegates here

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co-operate with this Sunday School worker in their respective churches to the end that every church may have a Sunday School and the Lord's cause may prosper.

Very respectfully submitted,

H. L. Rhodes.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Mrs. B. E. Golightly, Supt. The Mississippi Baptist Hospital opened its doors about 14 years ago in an old frame building, with less than a dozen beds. We now have a splendid equipped modern, fire-proof institution, with a staff of the most efficient and capable physicians, surgeons and specialists, that can be found anywhere.

During the last 12 months 1,846 patients have been treated in this hospital, of this number 234 were treated free and 87 paid part.

During January 1924 the hospital was placed on the list of standardized hospitals. We have in the hospital a first class Clinical laboratory, a splendid X ray machine used for diagnostic work and the latest deep Therapy machine, used for the treatment especially of inoperable cancer cases.

Capable physicians have charge of our X-ray department. We have about 30 nurses in the nurses training school.

The hospital is under obligations to the 'W. M. U's. and other church organizations for the splendid boxes of useful linens sent us in the past and it is hoped that this will continue. We wish to thank the public in general for their co-operation.

The Baptist hospital at Memphis is one of the most modern equipped hospitals in the South and is supplying a great need in the tri states to the Baptist and people in general.

The religious life of these hospitals is good and we feel we are carrying out Christ's plan of healing the sick.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Black.

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REPORT ON MISSIONS

REPORT ON MISSIONS including, State, Home and Foreign Missions. To the Choctaw Baptist association, Greeting:

Your committee on Missions, beg lieve to make the following report:

STATE MISSIONS: We beg to say that there is no distinction in missions, we use the terms. State Missions, Home, Missions, Foreign Missions, for purposes of our own convenience, Missions is Missions, the world around and there can be no distinction either in importance or obligation. There is absolutely nothing in the statement of many misguided people that they believe in one mission and do not believe in some other. A real, loyal believer in missions believes in all missions, in every part of the world. Go ye and teach all nations is the command, and we have no right to reduce it or change its obligation. We will first therefore consider State Missions.

The State Board in its annual session December 1923 laid out the work for the year 1924 on a basis which called for the expenditure of \$130,000 00 for State Mission work. Since State Missions receive only 19 per cent of the total amount raised, it will be necessary to raise this year more than five times that amount in order for us to receive the \$130,000.00 That will give you some idea of the immensity of the task.

We are simply giving statements of facts here and expect the writers of the reports to make their own report, using those facts as they may deem advisable. The Board is assisting in the paying of the salary of seventy-two pastors in different parts of the state. This amount assists one hundred and twenty-five churches. We have had in the field four regular district enlistment men. We now have five regular Sunday School workers with several assistants during the summer months doing County Institute work. We have two regular B. Y. P. U. field workers with two extras for a part of the summer season. The W. M. U. has two regular workers.

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Other items of expense in connection with the State Board's work are expense of the Board meeting, printing the State Convention Minutes, State Convention meeting, School of Evangelism Mid winter Bible School at New Orleans, work among the Negroes, the Kreoles and the Indians, the Ministerial Student Fund, Religious work in State colleges, seminaries and training schools student fund, Good Will Center work and the salary of \$720 00 a year to Dr A. V. Rowe, who is Secretary Emeritus. The largest item of the year is appropriations to church buildings, which amounts to \$40,000.-00 None of this has been paid, but will be due November first.

THE SEVENTY FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN.

The most important work before our churches the remainder of this year is, first, the payment in full of the 75 Million Campaign pledge if possible by the first of November; if not, at least by the 1st of December, for we are not going to reckon with the pledges after the close of the year. The second is the putting on of the 1925 program. This consists of making pledges to the seven great causes which have been being cared for by means of the 75 Million Campaign funds. The pledges are to be from November 30th to December 7th inclusive. The payments will begin with January first and be continued throughout the year 1925. We lack up to August 1st about \$715,000.00 of having raised our quota, and about \$1,520,000.00 of having raised our pledge. It is possible for us to raise this amount by the end of the year. There is an expressed determination on the part of many to pay every cent promised.

HOME MISSIONS

The Board refers with gratitude to the wonderful progress made during the last few years in Home Mission endeavor, especially during the five year period of the 75 Million Campaign, which has been unique and outstanding in Baptist annuals. A study of the Board's annual reports for these five years reveals a record of great achievements. Notwithstanding the embarrassment of a heavy debt that has been rested

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on the Board for four years past, God has bestowed unwonted favor upon the labors of the missionaries and evangelists of the Board. Meetings of great power have been held in various fields thousands have been brought to Christ. Fields notably hard, where for years we have been laboring and laying foundations, are coming to self-support and in turn are having a part in our denominational work. Enlargement is called for from every direction. The calls are many and heart searching from weak churches needing help and destitute fields needing missionaries in the countryside and in our growing towns and cities.

The Home Mission Board, notwithstanding its burdensome debt and consequent retrenchment in its forces, presents a wonderful outlook for the future. So marvelous have been God's favors upon our people in the last few years, and especially during the five-year Campaign, that we are able by virtue of our forces and resources to seize the present situation and make Southern Baptist the greatest single religious force in the South and throughout our nation. The South constitutes the nursery, the training ground, the granary, the source of supplies, indeed, for our conquest in all lands. If we fail here we fail every where! If we succeed here we can succeed everywhere! May God help our people in this great day of opportunity with high resolve to meet the issues worthily and hasten the coming of His Kingdom throughout the earth!

The following is a brief summary of some features of the Board's work for the last five years: Sermons and addresses 892,382. prayer meetings 101,075; religious visits 1,238,210; baptisms 203,532; total additions to churches 324,086; worker's conferences held 4,667; volunteers for Christian service 15,049; church houses built or improved 2,225; Sunday Schools organized 3,183; copies Scripture given 55,533; pages tracts distributed 35,812,479.

A free supply of tracts and leaflets can be had from the Home Mission Board, 1004 Healy Building, Atlanta Georgia. Their splendid Home Mission books are sold at actual cost.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

A brief glance at the statistics of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention brings a most inspiring assurance over the success of our foreign mission cause.

We have in our foreign mission fields 1,095 churches, in which are enrolled 111,872 members. This is one-twenty-seventh as many churches as are in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one-thirtieth as many members. Three hundred and eight of our churches abroad, or about one-third, are self supporting. This shows a gain of 97 over the year before, or an increase of self supporting churches of almost 50 per cent in one year.

We sent our 54 new missionaries during the year, bringing the total of our foreign missionaries up to 544. After deducting losses we made a net gain of 43. This gain is enheartening, but is far below the number which should have been. We need to send this year 229 others.

The native working force now numbers 2,494. The building up of this native working force is of the gravest moment. We need many foreign missionaries now, and in the future the call will perhaps be even more insistent, yet we cannot depend upon missionaries sent from America to do the major work of preaching to any country. The final evangelization of every land must be done through the native workers.

We have had an encouraging year in our Foreign Mission Schools. Never have students flocked in such numbers; never have so many been accepted; never such large numbers turned away. We have 860 schools of all grades, in which were enrolled 35,106 students. This number is about the same as the number of students in all our Baptist schools in the Southland. Twenty of these schools are kindergartens; five are colleges, the majority are of the lower primary and middle school grades. Thirteen are normal and training schools. The crown of all, of course, is the Bible and Theological

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Schools which now number seventeen, in which schools are being trained 416 young preachers. While these schools are all rendering a great service in the general uplift of the people, our chief interest in them lies in the fact that through them we turn many to Christ, and train these students for more effective Christian service. Our schools are tremendous evangelizing agencies. In many sections the far larger number who are baptized into the churches are won in the school. If the school is needed here in the homeland for the development of our denominational life, for the provision of a capable ministry, they are infinitely more necessary for the same objects in foreign lands.

We have medical work in three countries. China, Africa and Mexico. We have among our foreign missionary force, sixteen male and three female physicians and seven trained nurses. There are nineteen native physicians and 29 native nurses. There are 23 buildings of all descriptions in our nine hospital plants. In these are room for 796 beds. In these hospitals were treated last year 6,299 patients. The patients outside of the hospitals were 70,415. The total treatments given reached the amazing number of 294,422.

We have Publishing Houses organized in China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Italy, and embryonic publishing interests in all the other fields. These publishing plants brought out books, tracts, Bibles, Testaments, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies, Sunday School Leaflets, denominational papers in vast quantities. 84,944,180 pages of literature were distributed. The silent, but none the less effective workings of the printed page, are not every time manifest, but we have many instances of the triumphant achievements of the Gospel sent forth in printed form. Many individuals have been converted through this means; many a home which was otherwise closed to the missionary has been opened through a Gospel tract or a Testament. We have a number of churches that have been organized as a result of someone having read the Word of God from the printed page.

Thus our work abroad presses forward with the favor of

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God upon it. Southern Baptists rejoice in it, yet they are not supporting it as they ought and can. The Board has been compelled to halt in its great program right at the time when it could press the work most advantageously.

In May 1923 the Board reported a debt of \$403,000. In spite of the severest economies this debt grew by May 1924 to \$711,000. When appropriations were made for 1924 over \$1,600,000 in requests from the fields were denied. The board was able to appropriate for 1924 only for current expenses. It allowed nothing for buildings and equipment. At its meeting in June 1924 the Board decided not to send out new missionaries this year, except in a few instances where the salary and expenses have been especially provided. This means that practically all new equipment and new missionaries were cut off from the foreign fields this year. What this lack of help will mean to the cause no one can estimate.

The situation is distressing. The only hope for remedy for it is in the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges. If these pledges are paid we can take care of the work.

We call upon our churches to rally with heroic sacrifice to the completion of the great 75 Million Campaign task.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Morris, for the Com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The doctrine of Christian education is as clearly taught in the Bible as the doctrine of missions. The Bible is the record of God's educational processes in leading men to their highest and best.

No one can read the story of the marvelous life and ministry of Christ and not be impressed with the fact that He placed great emphasis on Teaching and Training men. Then he put it in the commission.

The command to "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you", cannot be carried out in an adequate way without Christian Schools.

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ly educated idiotic monsters. That gives tremendous emphasis to the necessity of christian education.

The only way to preserve our principles and realize our highest aims as a denomination is to train our young people in schools that are really and truly christian and loyal to Baptist ideas. A great educational program will go farther toward enlisting our great un-enlisted constituency than anything else we may do.

Education has been somewhat incidental in Baptist history in the past. We have not looked on education as we have, world wide missions. And yet our world wide missionary program is utterly hopeless without a great educational program.

Another aspect of the task is to resist many forms of opposition to christianity now entrenched in some high places in America.

Laymen, teachers, preachers and professors are going up and down the earth denying every essential of the christian faith. It is asserted that some state colleges are fountain heads of evolution which denies the plain statements of Genesis and modernism which robs the bible of its authority. Therefore we recommend and pledge our support to our south-wide and state colleges which we believe are teaching our boys and girls to remain firm in the faith once delivered to the saints.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE— The history of this old institution has been a glorious success. and for nearly a century; It has sent out some of our choicest and strongest men to bless the world. The enrollment last year was 522. This college is a member of Southern Association of colleges and secondary schools, thus giving her a standing not hitherto enjoyed.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE— This school began work only 12 years ago. Last year it was placed on second list of schools and colleges thus giving her graduates the privilege of teaching in any of the schools in the state. Board

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and tuition in the dormitories is \$320.00. In Dockery Hall, Industrial plan \$206.00.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE— This school, under the influence of the Lowreys' and Berrys' has been for more than a half century sending out young women trained in hand, head and heart who have been a benediction not only to Mississippi, but to the entire South.

CLARK MEMORIAL COLLEGE— This is our co-educational junior college. The old administration building was destroyed by fire but a new \$50,000 building will soon take its place. Clark College needs a \$250,000 endowment. From the reports of the openings of all our schools the prospects are good for a larger and better session this year than ever before. In conclusion we would suggest that the trustees and officials of all our church schools use the strictest economy in the management of these schools so that the cost of obtaining an education may be brought within the reach of more of our boys and girls of limited means.

Respectfully,

G. D. Weatherall.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

A great philosopher once said. "To study any subject in a self-forgetful, disinterested fashion is broadening; in a self-seeking partial fashion is narrowing." Liberalize work is interesting not interested.

Reading brings us into the society and spiritual presence of the greatest and best of our race. The achievements in science, the advancement in religion, the general broadening of the vision of the world-wide interests and obligations are the results of reading.

The Baptist of the world have been a great factor in securing and maintaining the freedom of the press. We ought therefore to take advantage of it and use it largely for our good. There are many good books and papers that ought to be read by all Baptist, but first of all, let us make the Bible our daily companion, studying it with prayer and devotion that it may be food for our minds and souls.

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The object of this report is to stress the value of Baptist literature especially that which aims to keep our people informed as to denominational work.

We hail with delight those agencies which promote the intelligent and systematic study of the blessed Book, and our S. S. literature which ranks high in importance, being prepared by men of consecrated scholarship and christian loyalty.

We desire to call especial attention to the Baptist Record, the most efficient means of communication, cooperation and enlistment of our forces, in any and every denominational enterprise. It has the latest news condensed so as to get it at a glance. The editorials are the very best, one page is devoted to each, The Woman's Work and B. Y. P. U., the S. S. lesson is ably discussed and the readers are happy recipients of one good sermon each week. Why not read it? How can a Baptist live without it and make any progress as a christian?

Your committee recommends that some plan be made to put the Baptist Record in every home.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. M. Smith, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Doing good is the only certain happy action of a man's life. If there be a pleasure on earth which angels can not enjoy, and which they might almost envy man the possession of, it is the power of relieving distress. We do most for ourselves when we do most for others: and in a moral sense we know "That it is more blessed to give than to receive." No such provision was ever made for ministers of the south as southern Baptists are now making for theirs, through the annuity fund.

The Relief and Annuity Board has had a little more than five years of actual functioning. In the meantime, it has paid to its old and retired preachers \$538,944.96 The board paid out during the past year, to its relief beneficiaries, the sum of \$125,449.60 which is \$12,000.00 in excess of what we

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paid them last year.

The first great need of the Board is an interest bearing fund that will yield on the relief side of the work alone \$100 000 00 annually, independently of what the Board would receive from the annual budget. A fund of this sort would enable us to so greatly increase our benefits to our retired preachers until we could at least approximate something in the way of adequate aid.

Southern Baptist should deal with the Relief and Annuity Board in the most liberal manner possible, and should see that a program is provided by which it can go on and accumulate at least five millions of interest bearing funds, and then to its higher goal for ten millions.

A NEW SLOGAN

Southern Baptist have reached a point in Ministerial Relief work when they should adopt a new slogan, as follows: "A Pension For Every Baptist Minister, And From Every Baptist Church A Full Share Of The Cost."

It is so easy for us to forget the part which the minister plays in our lives. If we could keep that before us constantly, and in mind, it would not be difficult for us to do what we should do in this great matter.

With pleading voices we would lay this whole matter on the hearts of our people, and urge that the men who have grown old and worn out in the ministry, shall be provided for and remembered by the people in the states, as our board continues to lay itself to the never-ending task of giving them as much comfort as possible in their last days.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Bobo.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your committee on nominations make the following report:

To preach next introductory sermon, E. T. Putnam; Alternate, J. L. Smith; delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Mrs. H. L. Rhodes; Alternate, C. C. Bobo; member State

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CHOCTAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Board, G. D. Weatherall; place for next Association, Chester.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Bowles, W. L. Mills, H. L. Rhodes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your committee on finance beg to report as follows:

Rec'd for minutes and clerk	\$46.75
Delegate to S. B. C.	2.50
Associational purposes	4.90
Collectional	8.30
Total	\$62.45

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. Humphries and J. H. Ward, Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1923

	Receipts	
Oct. 5	Missions	\$5.25
	Orphanage	2.00
	Total	7.25
Oct. 7	Paid R. B. Gunter	\$7.25
	For Minutes	
Oct. 5	Finance Committee	43.61
Nov. 13	Providence church	1.25
Dec. 28	Ackerman ..	3.00
May 11	Spring Hill ..	1.00
	Total receipts	\$48.86
Dec. 28	Paid express	.62
.. 28	.. postage	1.31
	.. for minutes	49.00
	Allowed clerk	15.00
	Total disbursements	65.93
	Deficit	\$17.07
	For delegate to S. B. C.	
Oct. 5	Bal on hand	3.00
	Of Finance com.	30.62
Oct. 7	Chester church.	1.75

CHOCTAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Paid G. L. Keen \$33.88

Bal on hand \$1.49

G. D. Weatherall, Treasurer.

REPORT OF BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We give the following facts about the Baptist Orphanage for the past year. We have had an average of 170 children during the year. The health of the children has been good. We have had no deaths and only a few cases of sickness.

Our crop has been greatly damaged by the dry weather. Our finances are unusually short. We have had to borrow already \$2,000 and will likely have to borrow \$2,000 or \$3,000 more unless our brethren come up promptly with their pledges to the 75 million Campaign.

We have had an unusual number of applications for the last few weeks and it looks now like we will have to run to full capacity next year.

We are completing the Superintendent's home, a two story brick building estimated to cost \$10,000; but by doing much of the work ourselves, it will cost much less.

This building will add much to the Orphanage property and it completes the general plan of the Orphanage plants.

Fortunately we had the money laid aside for this building and I think we will be able to pay for it when it is completed.

I hope our brethren will remember us and help us in our effort to care for our children and enable us to come out in good shape this fall.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Ackerman: Dr. S. L. Morris, Mrs. S. L. Morris, M. T. Baily, W. L. Pennix, H. L. Rhodes.

Bethany.

Bethlehem Geo. Oswalt.

Beulah: W. A. Whitten, W. S. Morris, W. M. Black.

Rlythe Creek: T. A. Hester, J. M. Roggin, Mrs. Vick Hester.

Bluff Springs: Jeff Brown, Mrs. Jeff Brown.

Chester: E. E. Robinson, Ben Perry, W. L. Edwards.

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CHOCTAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Clear Springs: E. D. Tenneson, J. W. Miller.
Concord: G. B. Catledge, Chas. Quinn, Bula Staples.
Crape Creek:
Ebenezer:
Fellowship: D. L. Humphreys, W. J. Dobbs, E. R. Lewis.
Fentress: J. H. Prewitt, J. W. Worrell.
French Camp: J. M. Black, J. A. Wilson.
McCurtains Creek:
Mt. Moriah: M. L. Harris, O. N. Harris, J. T. Howard.
Mt Pisgah: W. M. Bowles, B. F. Bollis.
New Haven:
New Zion: J. H. Ward, Lee King, Frank King.
Providence: W. L. Mills.
Spring Hill: D. H. Bradberry.
Weir: J. T. Burt, Jim Lollar, Mrs. H. M. Whitten, Mrs.
Will Black.
Wood Springs: C. W. Woods.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Missions	H. L. Rhodes
• Christian Education	G. L. Keen
Sunday Schools	W. M. Black
Orphanage	W. A. Whitten
Publications	C. C. Bobo
Ministerial Relief	J. A. Chamblee
Temperance	Hugh Reed
Womans Work	Mrs. H. M. Whitten
Digest Church Letters	G. D. Weatherall

OUR DEPARTED.

Mrs. Lillie Shumaker	Ackerman
Walter J. Yerger	"
S. A. Black	McCool
John Pilcher	"
Mrs. Fannie Bates	"
Mrs. Ann Reagin	Mathiston
Jesse Horton	Eupora

CHOCTAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

J. H. Barron	Chester
Mrs. Bogan Adams	Weir
Vester Kilpatrick	Mathiston
Jim Martin	Ackerman
J. J. Carter	French Camp
C. W. Bennett	" "
Ches Bridges	Fentress
Mrs. J. S. Southerland	Ackerman

WOMAN'S WORK

Oct. 2, 1924. In the absence of our Vice Pres. Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. S. L. Morris, of Ackerman, was asked to take charge of the meeting. She conducted the devotional, reading selected verses on Prayer, in her talk she stressed the importance and privilege of prayer.

We then had reports from the three W. M. Societies, Ackerman, Chester and Weir. Owing to the absence of the Stewardship chairman, Personal Service chairman, Mission Study chairman, Young Peoples Leader, and Publicity chairman, we had no report on this work.

Miss Slaughter, from Jackson, one of our State workers was with us and gave us a great message on Enlistment and Stewardship.

We then went into election of officers as follows:

Mrs. H. M. Whitten	Associational Supt.
Mrs. W. S. Black	Secretary.
Mrs. Bagwell	Stewardship Chairman.
Mrs. Edwards	Personal Service.
Mrs. E. B. Dobbs	Mission Study.
Mrs. S. L. Morris	Young Peoples' Leader.
Mrs. J. F. Ferguson	Publicity Chairman.
	Mrs. W. S. Black, Secy.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of churches	Name of Pastor	P. O.	Name of clerk	P. O.	ADDITIONS			LOSSES				
					By baptism	By letter	Restoration	Total	By letter	Exclusion	Death	Total
Ackerman	S. L. Morris	Ackerman	Mrs. H. L. Rhodes	Ackerman	517	2219	2	21	261	48		
Bethany	S. L. Morris	Ackerman	P. M. Snow	Ackerman					59			
Bethlehem	D. I. Young	McCool	W. M. Black	McCool	4	5	1	3	62			
Beulah	J. W. Hicks	Mathiston	N. S. Ellis	Mathiston	5	6	5	8	108	25		
Blythe Creek	Rev. Higdon	Greenwood	J. E. Tedder	Eupora	4	11	2	5	147	1		
Bluff Springs	H. M. Whitten	Weir	J. T. Melton	Ackerman	10	4	9	10	74			
Chester	J. H. D. Watson	"	W. P. Orr	Chester	5	10	2	3	67			
Clear Springs	H. M. Whitten	"	J. S. Rhodes	High Point		5	1	3	141			
Concord									160			
Crape Creek									78			
Ebenezer	J. L. Smith	Tomnolen	Joe R. Woods	Stewart	23	27	3	3	24			
Fellowship	E. T. Putnam	"	T. M. Jones	Mathiston	5	7	1	8	124			
Fentress	H. M. Whitten	Weir	Herbert Prewitt	Fentress	3	3	3	7	91	4		
French Camp	F. W. Varner	Sallis	A. L. Rainwater	French Camp	2	3	4	12	81	20		
McCurtains Creek	J. L. Smith	Tomnolen	C. J. Ruse	Tomnolen	3	2			28			
Mt. Moriah	H. M. Whitten	Weir	T. H. Howard	Weir	3	4	5	6	149			
Mt. Pisgah	T. E. Putnam	Tomnolen	W. M. Bowles	Ackerman	3	5	2	2	111	2		
New Hayen	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. A. Chamblee	Weir		1			232			
New Zion	H. M. Whitten	Weir	J. F. Keen	Ackerman	3	8	4	4	147	5		
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	"	W. F. Mills	Weir	2	2	4	4	50			
Spring Hill	L. J. Lott	Grenada	J. T. McMin	Ackerman	2	1	2	1	154			
Weir	D. I. Young	McCool	S. M. King	Weir	2	5	7	11	115			
Wood Springs	J. L. Smith	Tomnolen	W. H. Lucas	Tomnolen	1	1		40	105			

FINANCIAL TABLE

Name of churches	Minutes and Clerk	Pastors Salary	Incidentals	Building & repairs	Ministerial help	Local help for poor	S. S. & B. Y. P. U	Other Items	Total for Local Expense	75 Million Campaign	Specials	Total for Denominations	Grand Total
Ackerman	\$5 00	\$900	30	175	150	50	100	322	1732	553	90	643	2375
Bethany													
Bethlehem	1.80												
Beulah	2.50	200	30		50		73	3	358	197		197	555
Blythe Creek	2 15	70		45			24		141	24		24	165
Bluff Springs	1 00	25		25					51				51
Chester	2 25	75							77	42		42	119
Clear Springs	1.50	50		20					72	5		5	77
Concord	5 00								5				5
Crape Creek													
Ebenezer	2 00												
Fellowship	3 00	100		50				5	7				7
Fentress	1.60	225	5	36	12	10			153	67		67	220
French Camp	2.00	225	5	5	15			2	290	15		15	305
McCurtains Creek	1.00								254	106		106	360
Mt. Moriah	3.00	150		53					1				1
Mt. Pisgah	1.00	100			11				217	19		19	236
New Haven					12	2			115		16	16	131
New Zion	3 20	150		36		6			195	175		175	370
Providence	2.75	30	100	25		3			161	34		34	195
Spring Hill		150							150				150
Weir	5.00	600		96		60			761	87		87	848
Wood Springs	1 00			15					16				16
	\$46.75	\$3050	70	280	601	77	299	334	4758	1324	106	1430	6188

Errors Corrected

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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NAME OF SCHOOL	No. Enrolled	Average attendance	No. teachers holding normal diplomas	No. teachers holding seals	No organized classes	Baptism from S. S.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT	ADDRESS
Ackerman	220	150	2	2	3	3	W F Burney	Ackerman
Beulah	75	57	3	1	3	1	W. M. Black	McCool
Blythe Creek	40	25				3	Lester Buck	Mathiston
Bluff Springs	77						Alsie Jones	Eupora
Chester	39	20				3	W. L. Edwards	Chester
Fellowship	72	60	1			18	H. M. Brooks	Mathiston
Fentress	49	40					Victor Reed	Fentress
French Camp	25	18					A. L. Rainwater	French Camp
Mt. Moriah	61	30					A. H. Howard	Weir
Mt. Pisgah	50	35					J. M. Brock	Mathiston
New Zion	40	25	2				G. L. Kein	Weir
Providence	20	15	2				W. H. Dodd	Chester
Weir	87	51	2				C. A. Franks	Weir
	778	526	10	3	3	28		